The Catalpa Tree. This is the time of year when ornamental trees are in bloom. Of these the catalpa is



CATALPA. The illustration shows the full-grown tree. The wonder is that this beautiful bloomer is not more highly appreciated. The late Dr. John A. Warder spent some of his best years the vicinity of Cincinnati. The result of his heart-shaped leaves of pale green and luxuriant spikes of flowers that bloom in early summer and make the whole air fragrant, The flowers hang in magnificent starry clus-



SPIKE OF CATALPA BLOSSOMS. The flowers are somewhat bell-shaped, with a two-parted calyx. They are good-sized, white, tinged with violet, and dotted with purple and violet in the throat.



The tree grows to the size of an ordinary forest tree. It is found wild along the southern Mississippi, but it is hardy. The name, like the beautiful tree itself, is one we had not to borrow from Europe, "Catalpa" is the native name, given to the tree by the Indians of Carolina. In fall and winter it is covered with a shower of long seed pods. From this it is sometimes called the cigar tree.

It may be propagated either by seed or cuttings. Not only is it such a handsome tree, but it is of use beside. The timber makes a choice wood for cabinet work and other purposes. It is of a very fine texture, and takes a brilliant polish. Whether it will grow satisfactorily in the far northwest, however, we believe has never yet been entirely settled. The experiment should be

Another fine ornamental tree is the Turkish horse chestnut. It is a handsome grower, blossoms in much the same way as the catalpa, but, unlike that, the wood bas uc special value.

Slouch Work. Occasionally it seems as if about all the mechanical work done in America was of the slouch order. The main object in making things appears to be to get them off in the quickest and cheapest wav consistent with concealing their defects. The present system of building tenement houses for the poor is an illustration. It is infamous. Mud mortar, bricks that break in two in the handling, rotten timbers, and sewer pipes that dis charge in cellars, were some of the peculiarities of workmanship that became apparent at the coroner's inquest after a six-story building fell in and crushed a dozen poor laboring men more or less.

Then there was a notorious fire disaster coming on the heels of the tenement-house crash. A building was raised from its foundations, set upon screws, Chicago fashion, and other repairs were made. The work was supposed to be done, and the screws were taken away. About a hundred working people were engaged in the struc-ture. A fire broke out, and the flimsy walls, "repairs" and all, fell in together. At the coroner's inquest that followed this affair it was shown that the repairs had been undertaken by a man who had not sufficient mechanical knowledge to mend a cellar door. But he undertook the raising and remodeling of a four-story building fuil of heavy machinery and containing a hundred people during work hours. There was worse

than slouch work bere. There was crime. Such plumbing as is done in America would be punished by fine and imprisonment in any other country. Occupations involving most serious consequences to life and bealth are "picked up" by anybody and everybody. Any quack is a "doctor," and

a half-decent barber is a "professor."

Into the smallest details this slouchiness of workmanship enters. There is very little real art skill in our country, because our would-be artists will not take time and pains to learn to draw. Put the pictures in our Hats and parasols very generally match the illustrated papers, comic and otherwise, color of the costume this summer. Many would-be artists will not take time and pains illustrated papers, comic and otherwise, alongside those of a French or German funny paper. As compared with the ex cution in these, the American drawing is as stiff and

ugly as a clothes-horse. George Eliot says of Adam Bede that his work had always been a part of his religion, and he saw most clearly that good carpentry was that form of God's will which concerned him. Pity American carpenters and cabinet makers could not have some such divine revelation. At this moment a vision rises in the mind. A married couple had long desired a substantial book-case. They had been too poor to buy it for years. At last the coveted money was in their hands, and the treasure was brought home. It looked a marvel of ornamental woods and vencer ing and brase-work. Well, it had been in

tering brass handles of the drawers came off in their hands. Screws fell out and were lost, glass doors refused to fasten, and all their joy in the new purchase was spelled

by wretched workmanship. If you move into a new house the door knobs all but roll off if you look at them, the plaster upon the walls crack, and you are fortunate indeed if the roof does not leak. A farmer lately had his barns and outbuildings tin-roofed at a cost of \$1,500. The first rain thereafter poured in through the defective soldering in a torrent, and ruined his hay and corn crop. The tinner had "picked up" his trade of roofing. He would not take time to learn it thoroughly. He was a dishonest fraud.

The very desk on which this is written was new and handsome two months ago. It has had the best of usage, yet already the main drawer is so rickety it only opens and shuts by jumps and spasms. The keys never did fit in the locks, and the joints are gaping and leaker. Substantial skaky. Substantial, smooth-working, honest furniture and carpentry work are blessings unknown in the United States. The same spirit of slouchiness runs through iron-work machinery and railroad building. It is a disgrace to the nation.

Industrial Training. The report of the superintendent of pub lie schools in Boston discusses the experiment of manual training for boys. Two hundred boys, from ten different grammar schools, have been under instruction in carpentry two hours a week since September. They were selected by the masters from introducing it into southeastern Indiana and among those 14 years of age or older who had the permission of their parents to take labors in that locality is seen in shaded the instruction. "The experiment has alavenues and lanes of splendid catalpas, thirty | ready gone far enough to prove that work to forty feet in height. They have great of this kind can be joined to the ordinary grammar school work with good effect," says the superintendent, and be advocates the making of provisions for industrial train-ing for girls as well as for boys.

Facts of Interest.

The Medical Journal states that a few handfuls of common salt thrown daily into closets, and an occasional handful into wash basins, goes far toward counteracting the noxious effects of the omnipresent sewer gas.

Few people are aware that, when they find a wall paper that suits them precisely, by having it properly varnished they can render it almost time-proof. It can be washed when it becomes dingy, and it will last for many years,

The White Cross army is an association for promoting moral purity among men. In an address delivered at one of its meetings Dr. De Costa laid stress on the fact that most people eat too much. From that they are led on to drink too much in order to stimulate them to bear the heavy load of indigestible food. Gluttony leads to drunkenness and thence to all other sins and vices.

The terrible sickness which devastated Plymouth, Pa., has been finally decided to be typhoid fever. Plymouth was only a little country place, yet there were nearly 1,000 cases of the fever. A frightful percentage of those attacked died. The town is destitute, and the public has been largely drawn on for its support during the epidemic. And the origin of all this misery is directly traceable to fiith, cesspools, and want of drainage.

An entomologist has reported having found 724 species of noxious insects in the trees, shrubs and plants of the New York parks last year. These include the cotton worm of the south, the wood borers of the west, the sugar cane beetle, many species unknown to the entomologist, and some entirely new species. The most destructive insects to the rees are the bag worm, the tent and web caterpillars, the scale insect, the coccus and the elm beetle. Of these insects seven bushels of cocoons and egg mosses were removed.



After a late, cold spring, no matter how long it lests, the heat always appears to come suddenly. By this time our lady readers will be skirmishing around in a lively manner for the sammer dresses.



DRESS OF EMBROIDERED CHAMBERY. Accordingly we present them with a very pretty pattern for an embroidered cham-

bery gown. The robe comes in patterns, in all the popular colors. The patterns have four and a half yards of embroidery with edging to match. The skirt is finished on the bottom with a narrow, plaited ruffle, and three rows of the wide flouncing are gathered upon the right side of the skirt below a puffed section of the overskirt. The ample back drapery is looped upon the back of the bacque in imitation of a polonaise, and the long tunic front is trimmed with a revers of the flouncing. The jacket is trimmed, as shown in the plate, with the embroidered edging, with standing collar

and cuffs en suite. A straw hat is trimmed to match the have a parasol and a hat to go with each

A Powder Ball.

A so-called "bal poudre" lately took place in the town hall in Brighton. All the guests appeared with pawdered hair, the gentlemen in the usual evening dress, only with white waistcoats and a white flower in their buttonholes. The hostess, Mrs. Cooper, wore black velvet with old lace and dismonds, her daughter a white satin dress embroidered with beads, the waist fastened with old-fashioned clasps. Among the dresses a nut brown velvet costume with suber colored enten tablier and black Chauffly lace excited very great admiration. The tablier was folded in squares, with bouquets of bastercups intervening, where the line. tonholes. The hostess, Mrs. Cooper, wore black velvet with old lace and diamonds, her

crossed; it ended with a large puff The bodice and round the bottom. train were both made of velvet, trimmed with splendid lace, and a garland of buttercups went across the bosom. Another charming toilet consisted of a sapphire blue satin skirt, densely embroidered with real amber beads, a tunic and waist of net intertrain. To this, turquoise ornaments and white feathers in the hair. A dark blue tulle costume with plush side breadth, which, like the waist, was covered with bluish steel beads, was very original. A white tulls tollette with large silver butterflies as trimmings was greatly admired. White was dresses worn by the young ladies.

being blinding.

Watch Chains and Lace Pins.



FIG. 1-THE "CLAUSTRA." FIG. 2-QUEEN CHAIN.

Fig. 1 shows a new style of self-locking lace and shawl pin which is attracting attention. The "Claustra" is made in a variety of lengths, hence includes sizes suitable for drawing by a golden cobweb an unwary fly "Claustra."

about four inches long, terminates in a tiny ball or other fancy design, and hangs outside the corsage. Chain and ball are seen in the illustration. Sometimes a bow of colored ribbon is tied to the ring of the watch and ornaments the corsage outside. Of this little chain The Lowelers (Chamler experiments) as peak when I say they are bad for our sons and still worse for our daughters. They come back denationalized, having lost all idea or love of home life, and happy only when counting the days before their return to their beloved Europe. chain The Jewelers' Circular says:

for a long time to come. Numbered with founded in 1848 its population is now attractive patterns are chains finished with but 212. The articles of associationthree small balls set with gems, and chains for the settlement is, in fact, but a soclosing a lock or vinaigrette. Again, the ciety-provide for a board of seven finish is fanciful, as a vinaigrette in form of a jug, a teapot or a rose. Counted with watches, by the bye, remain small in size.

Decorations for Dining-Rooms, The decorative dishes and plates lately so fashionable are being replaced by pictures of still life, studies of trees, large panels of antique embroidery and so on; a gilt barometer is put opposite a clock in dial case. The sideboard is considered a cumbrous piece of furniture for many dining-rooms if only of middle size, and instead are seen antique dressers or small presses in Norman or Breton style, on which, on shelves, are piaced silver tankards and old drinking vessels, as also sets of Bohemian and crystal glass. A timepiece answering the furniture has also its Representatives are above the average place at one corner.

Mushroom Parasols

Mushroom parasols are among the novelties. They are made of silk canvas, woven gauzes, black, white and colored, and covered with a shirred circle of piece lace, black, white or colored, with a ruffle at the edge to match, or sometimes with a deep flounce of lace, which does duty for both covering and border ruffle. The lace forms a chou (cabbage) or tuft at the top, made more decorative by the addition of a ribbon bow and loops and adorne.l.

The Shape of the Face.

The human face should be oval, and the dressing of the hair and the arrangement of the bonnet trimming should be done with regard to producing this effect. Before buying a new bonnet the purchaser must decide whether her hair is to be worn high or to be brought down in a Catogan braid.

FASHIONLETS.

Drab white is the newest shade of this Plum color and pale rose is a fashionable

English color combination. Gold turtles are the latest golden fancy for hat and bonnet ornamentation. The high colors of the newest jackets and

frocks are stiffened with wiggan. Black or navy blue stockings are worn by small girls and misses with dresses of any

color. White mobair or alpace, with small red or for afternoon wear at the seashore and mountain resorts.

Pinkish fawn is a lovely and popular color for tailor made costumes, and may be braided with either gold or silver and a darker fawn or tan braid

The Danger of Wearing Cotton.

We copy from the Gentleman's Inteligence of May, 1784 (over a century ago), the following tragic incident and speech as there recorded:

This day, one Michael Cannody was executed here for felony, upon which woven with gold threads, and a blue velvet the journeymen weavers of the city (who labor under great difficulties by reason of the deadness of trade occasioned by the pernicious practice of the presence of that costly fossil gum. wearing cottons) assembled in a body. We suspect that the fiddlemakers and dressed the criminal, hangman and | bought their varnish, as they bought the gallows in cotton, in order to dis- their wood, in the open market, selectagain the predominant color among the courage the wearing thereof. And at ing it, no doubt, with equal care, perthe place of execution the criminal haps modifying it in various ways bemade the following speech:

was lately trimmed in a way that attracted been guilty of many crimes that necesgeneral admiration. The trimming was a sity compelled me to commit, which woven fabric of mingled jet and steel. The starving condition I was in I am well steel was not of the old-fashiened, glittering assured was occasioned by the scarcity polished kind, but rather of the dull shade of money that has proceeded from the known as steel blue. It was woven into a great discouragement to our woolen loose-meshed network of large beads. Upon manufactures. Therefore, good Christhe network were large drops of brilliant jet beads. The trimming was about two and a balf inches wide. It formed cuffs and trimming down the front of the basque, was laid cottons as I am now clothed in, you down the whole edge of the long overskirt at will bring your country into misery, the side, and made dashes of brightness here which will constantly swarm with just and there upon the drapery. Every time such unhappy malefactors as your presthe lady moved this superb trimming twin- ent object is; and the blood of every kled light moonlight upon the water. Being miserable fellow that will hang, after of the dull blue rather than the polished this warning from the gallows, will lie knife and fork steel, it was not painful to at your doors. And, if you have any the eyes, but was simply brilliant without regard for the prayers of an expiring mortal, I beg that you will not buy of the hangman the cotton garments that now adorn the gallows, because I can't rest quiet in my grave if I should see rain from the roof. The water is rethe very things worn that brought men to misery, thieving and this untimely give the houses a very odd appearance. to misery, thieving and this untimely end; all of which I pray to the gentry to hinder their children and servants, for their own character sake, though they have no tenderness for their country, because none will hereafter wear cotton but oyster women, criminals, hucksters and common hangmen.'

DraCharles Robinson on Home Life.

When I was a boy I used to declaim these stirring lines: "Strike for your altars and the fires; strike for the green graves of your sires." But now the altars and fires are register holes in the wall, and the green graves of the sires are vaults of stone, made to look as much like small palaces as wealth can make them; and nobody would care to brooch, shawl, lace and hair pins, and even bonnet ornaments. It is made both motto, "God Bless Our Flat;" that was with and without pendants, and is all that there was left of the home. susceptible of a great variety of de- do not oppose the flat system; but I say signs and styles of ornamentation. Some that anything that breaks up the home of the designs are very unique, as, for in- feeling aims a blow at church and State. stance, one in which the head of the pin is When the romance and the sacredness composed of gems simulating a great spider, of home are gone, then it seems as if while the cap that goes over the point of the even decency very soon departs. Bickpin and which is suspended from the head erings arise, recriminations follow; and by means of a slender chain, represents a fly.

The effect when the pin proper is concealed in lace or ribbon, is that of a cunning spider cres union. How can there be any into its trap. All the popular designs, such as enameled flower patterns, crescents and one house in the country, another in stars, swords, etc., are represented in the town, and a couple of months in Florida between? And as if this were not bad enough, they take their children abroad This style of chain, shown in Fig. 2 of the for some years. I have lived in Paris illustration, is still the mode. The watch is and watched the effect of those Euworn in a little chamois leather case inside ropean sojourns; and I know whereof I the bosom of the dress. The short chain, speak when I say they are had for our speak when I say they are bad for our

As it is susceptible of an infinite variety of One of the most peculiar committees pattern and material, it is likely to please in Michigan is at St. Naziane. Though fancies rather than fashions, are enameled the adult men and women annually. chains incrusted with colored gems, to wear with watches similarly decorated. Ladies' and only two, the general manager and the doctor, know English. They live entirely by themselves, taking no interest in the outside world, and the women work in the fields the same as the men.

Degenerate Sons of Statesmen.

Any one who attends the President's receptions is struck by the physical contrast between the promin at statesmen of the day and their hopeful sons. It well known that all the United States Senators, with three exceptions, and nearly all the able men in the House of height and of very ample proportions. They are self-made men and required all the vitality of their large frames to raise themselves in the world. They are an honor to the White House and lend dignity to its receptions. But what a pitiful lot are their wretched litle dudes of sons, with their spindle
legs, dwarfed frames, sunken chests

Agent at Ottawa. Indicate
Agent what a pitiful lot are their wretched little dudes of sons, with their spindle and colorless faces - ambitionless, dissipated, without even a manly vice. There are some marked exceptions, but floating ends, the artistic handle being the average society young man, as seen in the White House, is anything but an object of admiration. It is a common sight to see a handsome, stately girl with one of these little objects trotting across the room at her side, scarcely reaching her shoulders. That women don't admire the puny things is proved by the rarity of marriage in Washington society, except in army and navy circles, where the young men are more manly in form and character. - Washington Letter.

Catching Pigeons.

The ground being cleared, the chiefs tationed themselves at distances all round a large circular space, each con- dozen bottles at once. Use this commucealed under a low shed or covering of nication as you please, and if any one wants brushwood, having by his side a net attached to a long bamboo, and in his me and I will make affidavit to it, for I hand a stick with a tame pigeon on a crook at the end of it. This pigeon The secret of the almost invariable rel was trained to fly round and round as and cure of consumption, dysentery, diardirected by its owner, with a string at blue pompadour figures, are being made up its foot 30 feet long, attached to the end of his stick. Every man flew his pigeon, and then the whole circle looked like a place where pigeons were flocking round food or water. The scene soon attracted some wild pigeon, and as it approached the spot, whoever was next to it raised his net and tried to tion; endorsed by physicians and drug-entangle it. He who got the greatest number of pigeons was the hero of the of Mishler's Herb Bitters. Mishler's Herb day and honored by his friends with Bitters is sold by all druggists. Price \$1.00 various kinds of food, with which he treated his less successful competitors. Some of the pigeons were baked, others were distributed about and tamed for

further use. Taming and exercising them for the sporting season was a common pastime. - Samoa a Hundred Years Ago-George Turner.

Violin Varnishes.

We do not say that amber entered into all the Cremonese varnish, nor are we prepared to admit that the excellence of that varnish depended upon fore application; and, further, that the Superb Trimming.

A handsome dress of black satin rhadame of a dying sinner. I confess that I have found almost identical with the varnish of the old Italian pictures. Painter and fiddlemaker probably went to the same shop; any one could get the stuff then, (the bad cheap Cremonas have it as well as the good ones.) As long as the art of Italian painting was at all alive, so long there was a demand for this particularly good varnish. When it declined at the end of the eighteenth century the manufacture of the precious varuish went out. Anything cheap in the varnish line was thought good enough, and pictures and fiddles alike, along with their glossy coats, became good for nothing .- The Saturday Re-

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